

CLAIM LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for debugging a configuration process of a programmable logic device comprising:
 - initiating the configuration process for the programmable logic device;
 - coupling configuration process signals to an input/output pin of the programmable logic device;
 - using boundary scan registers of the programmable logic device to capture the configuration process signals [[in]] received at the input/output pin of the programmable logic device during the configuration process;
 - using the boundary scan registers to transfer the captured configuration process signals to a configuration analyzer during the configuration process; [[and]]
 - analyzing the transferred configuration process signals using the configuration analyzer; and
 - verifying a connection to the input/output pin of the programmable logic device coupled to receive the configuration process signals.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising programming a configuration device coupled to the programmable logic device with a configuration bitstream.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein initiating the configuration process comprises causing the programmable logic device to send normal configuration process signals to the configuration device, thereby causing the configuration device to provide the configuration bitstream.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein initiating the configuration process comprises accessing the programmable logic device through a JTAG interface.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising:
 executing a SAMPLE/PRELOAD instruction on the programmable logic device; and
 executing an EXTEST instruction on the programmable logic device.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising executing a BYPASS instruction on a configuration device coupled to the programmable logic device.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein analyzing the transferred configuration process signals comprises comparing the transferred configuration process signals with expected configuration process signals.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein if the transferred configuration process signals and the expected configuration process signals do not match, then correcting the configuration process.
9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 a programmable logic device having boundary scan registers coupled to receive a configuration bitstream by way of an input/output (I/O) pin;
 a configuration device coupled to the programmable logic device for providing [[a]] the configuration bitstream to the programmable logic device by way of the I/O pin; and
 a configuration analyzer coupled to the configuration device for driving configuration process signals through the configuration device in single steps, and coupled to the programmable logic device for controlling the I/O pins of the programmable logic device and analyzing configuration process signals stored in the boundary scan registers of the programmable logic device during the configuration process;
 wherein the programmable logic device, the configuration device, and the analyzer form at least part of a JTAG chain enabling verifying a connection to the

input/output pin of the programmable logic device coupled to receive the configuration bitstream.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the configuration device is a nonvolatile memory.
11. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the programmable logic device is a field programmable gate array.
12. (Canceled).
13. (Canceled).
14. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the analyzer comprises a computer running a program for analyzing the configuration data.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the analyzer comprises a database of known configuration problems.
16. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections for debugging a configuration process of a programmable logic device, the code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:
 - initiating the configuration process for the programmable logic device;
 - coupling configuration process signals to an input/output pin of the programmable logic device;
 - using boundary scan registers of the programmable logic device to capture the configuration process signals received at the input/output pin of the programmable logic device during the configuration process;
 - using the boundary scan registers to transfer the captured configuration process signals to a configuration analyzer during the configuration process; [[and]]

analyzing the transferred configuration process signals using the configuration analyzer; and

verifying a connection to the input/output pin of the programmable logic device coupled to receive the configuration process signals.

17. (Currently Amended) A configuration analyzer for debugging a configuration process of a programmable logic device comprising:

means for receiving configuration process signals by way of an input/output pin of the programmable logic device;

means for stepping through the configuration process;

means for capturing configuration process signals received at the input/output pin in boundary scan registers as the configuration process signals are received by the programmable logic device at each step; [[and]]

means for comparing the captured configuration process signals output by the boundary scan registers in a JTAG chain with expected configuration process signals during the configuration process; and

means for verifying a connection to the input/output pin of the programmable logic device coupled to receive the configuration process signals.